1	2	3
30.	Uttar Pradesh	2963.4
31.	West Bengal	4564.7
32.	Lakshadweep	7.2
	ALL INDIA TOTAL	30247.3

Note:- 1. * No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State/Union Territory.

2. **Statistics are not main-—-tained.

3. All the job-seekers on the Live Registers of Employment Exchanges are not necessarily unemployed.

Supply of Steel and Pig-iron to Punjab

282. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL; Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many entrepreneurs/ in dustrialists of Punjab, buy steel and pig-iron in black market from other parts of the country in order to run their establishment;

(b) whether the State's plea for greater allocation and full supply of the quota has been considered; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER, OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FO-TEDAR): (a) Government has no information in this regard.

(b) and (c) Requests have been received from the Government of Punjab for enhancement in the pig-iron allocation to the Punjab Small Industries & Export Corporation and for expeditious supply of pig-iron to Punjab. To meet the immediate requirements in Punjab, some quantity of pig iron has been despatched to the Slate on a priority basis.

Use of rice bran in poultry feeds

283. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BAN-SAL; Will the Minister of AGRI CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poultry feeds *commonly* marketed provide a satisfactory substitute at cheaper prices to the rice bran; and

(b) what is the approximate percentage of rice bran being presently used for extraction of oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) At present, there is no suitable substitute cheaper than rice bran which can be used as poultry feed.

(b) Approximate 50 per cent of rice bran is being utilized for extrac tion of oil.

Constitution of the Bachawat Wage Board

284. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of LABUR be pleased to state:

(a) when the Bachawat Wage Board was constituted with detail of the functioning of the- Board;

(b)' whether the Board has completed the report *on wages* of journalists and non-journalists; if so, what are the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(c) what was the number of Board sittings held since its constitution

and by when it is likely to flnalisje the report;

(d) whether Government have extended the period of the Board- and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) Two Wage Boards—one for Working Journalists and the other for Non-journalists were set up on 17-7-1985 for nxation and revision of wages of the "Working Journalists and Non-Journalists, with terms of reference as set out in the Annexu-res. See Appendix CXLVTII. Anne-xure Nos. 13A and 13B. Mr. Justice (Retd.) U.N. Bhachawat took over as Chairman of the two Boards on 1-8-1985.

(b) The Wage Boards have not yet submitted their reports. The Wage Boards have not been able to complete their work.

(c) In all, the Boards have held 45 sittings extending over 127 days. In his last-received request for extension of his term beyond 31-8-1988 (the date upto which his extended term was sanctioned) the Chairman indicated that he would endeavour to complete the work by 31-13-1988.

(d) and (e) The Govt is yetto take a final view On the requestby the Chairman for an extension of his term.

Scheme for slum dwellers in the country

285. SHRI NARESH C. PUGDIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the slum dwellers in the country;

(b) if so, what are the salient fea tures thereof;

(c) what are the details of the funds given during the last three years states wise;

(d) whether the fund allocated for the purpose has been utilised by each State Government; if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any State Govern ment/Union Territory has asked for more funds; and

(f) if so, what is the requirement of Maharashtra and the amount released so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The present polky of the Government emphasises on environmental improvement of urban slums rather than their massive clearance and relocation. The plan Scheme under State Sector of Environmental improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS) aims at providing basic amenities like drinking water supply, community baths and latrines, street lighting, paving of exis-ting lanes and pathways etc. in urban slums.

(c) and (d) Funds are provided in the State Annual Plans and the State Governments formulate and implement appropriate projecs in accordance with their needs and priorities. A statement indicating State-wise allocation of funds etc. is given in the attached statement (See below).

(e) and (f) There is no Central sector allocation for release to States under the scheme.